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A SONG OF DUTY.

Sorrow comes and sorrow goes,
Life is checked with shine and
Now the tear of grieving flows,
Now we smile in happy hour;
Death awaits us, everyone—
Toller, dreamer, preacher, writer—
Let us, then, ere life be done,
Make the world a little brighter!
Burdens that our neighbors bear,
Easier let us try to make them;
Chains, perhaps our neighbors wear,
Let us do our best to break them;
From the straitened brain and mind
Let us loose the binding fetter,
Let us, as the Lord designed,
Make the world a little better!
Selfish brooding sears the soul,
Makes the heart a rest of sorrows,
Darkening the shining goal
Of the sun-illumined morrows;
Wherefore grow our lives be spent
Daily growing blind or blinder?
Let us, as the Master meant,
Make the world a little kinder!
—Doris A. McCarthy, in Good Counsel Magazine.

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A Call to Paris.

I was called to the pastorate of the Zion Baptist church, Paris, Ky., January 18th 1904, and I made them three visits and I found the church in a condition that no pastor to my mind in the state or out of the state could redeem the Zion church to the honor of the Baptists of the state but Rev. H. Nutter, the builder, and on my third trip I called the church together and advised them to call Rev. Nutter back if they could get him back under any circumstances and save that splendid church house for the Baptists of Kentucky and the church called Rev. Nutter without a dissenting vote and I had a personal talk with Rev. Nutter and advised him to reconsider this matter and return to Zion at Paris, where he had done such a great work. Rev. Nutter is in the heart of the people at Paris, colored and white.
I pray God's blessing upon that people and Rev. Nutter. Your servant,
A. L. CAULDER.
Campbellsville, Ky.

To the Officers and Members of the Zion Baptist Church, Paris, Ky.—
Understanding you are to have a meeting to night, I thought it proper to make a statement of the amount of money that will fall due on the 26th of next month:

You will owe to the Trust Co., of Carlisle (with int.), \$468.00.
To J. M. Thomas (with int.), \$170.00.
Balance on insurance, \$50.00.
Total, \$673.00.

This does not include any outstanding debts that you have, nor the amount due for the seats.

This is a large sum of money for your church to raise during the winter months, as your membership is composed, of course, of laboring men, and their wages are not so high that they can indulge in many luxuries. But the obligation having been taken, of course it has to be met. On account of my personal regard for Elder Nutter and aunt Aggie Jackson, I became security for your church on the Thomas notes, for in no other way could we get the money from the Trust Company in Carlisle and get Mr. Thomas to agree to extend the balance due him. While the entire \$673.00 is due, and if not met, makes all the amount you owe the Carlisle Trust Company become due and collectible, still, if you raise \$275.00 I am certain I can get an extension during the summer, which will enable us to catch up and pull out.

Of course, it is not for me to interfere in your church arrangements, but I believe if you will extend a call to Elder Nutter to come back and take charge I can induce him to do so, as he was largely instrumental in getting me to come to your rescue. If the church will indicate to him that they want him, I will prevail upon him to return, although I admit it will be a great sacrifice of his personal interests for him to do so. But I have such high regard for him, and have work along with him for so long, that I am willing, when

good weather comes, to get in a buggy with him and go around over the county and make an extra effort to help you people out of your financial trouble. The colored people of Paris need a church, and it will act as a great levelling the race in that respect. For that reason, it seems to me that you church members ought to be willing to make sacrifices of your time and means, as far as you are able, towards making one grand effort to put your church on its feet again. When that one hill is pulled the road becomes easy, and no man would be able to estimate the good that you can do.

I hope you will carefully consider this matter and decide that the best interest of the church and the community require that you make an effort to induce Elder Nutter to come back.

I repeat, the amount due on March 26th is \$673.00, but if you will raise \$275.00 I will endeavor to get an extension through the summer months, when, of course, all of us can spare more from our incomes than we can during the winter.

Hoping you will see your way clear to take the step I have indicated, and with best wishes for your future prosperity, I am,

Respectfully,
HARMON STITT.
Paris, Ky., Feb. 5th 1904.

Declarations of the 13th Annual TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE Held at Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 17.

I. In this, the thirteenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, composed of representatives of the masses of our people in nearly all walks of life from practically all the Southern States, we would again declare our faith in the wisdom of unceasing efforts to secure homes and lands, the exercise of thrift, keeping out of debt, getting rid of one-room cabins, the building of good school houses, and better churches, the extension of the school term, the building of good public roads, the prompt and regular payment of all taxes, especially poll tax; because 85 per cent of our people live by agriculture, we urge that every thing be done to make agriculture a life attractive.

2. In connection with thorough education of all people, we urge a high standard of morality, christian character, and a strict line between the good and bad, and that our teachers and ministers be required to maintain at all times the highest standard of life.

3. A careful observation of the condition on the race in local communities convinces us that there is abundant evidence that the moral condition of our people improves as education increases, and there is no evidence that education increases crime.

4. Since the two races are to reside in the South, we urge that everything be done on both sides to promote harmony and mutual confidence, and we urge our white fellow-citizens to do everything in their power to place a premium upon right conduct and high character among our people, and to extend that peace and prosperity may abide, we urge that our people be careful to refrain from the committing of crime; and further, when crime is committed, or charged, every individual shall be given a legal trial to the end that the curse of lynch law, which lowers and blunts the moral sense and disturbs the material prosperity of both races, may forever cease to be practiced anywhere in our land.

A Great Meeting at Mt. Vernon Ind

We have just closed a great revival here, which, perhaps, is the greatest revival that has ever been known in the history of the church. We began our meeting on New Year's night, and on Monday following Rev. N. G. Galbreith came and opened fire on the camp of satan, and for two weeks he fired with the gospel gun to the pulling down of the strong hold; on the 20th Rev. Wm. H. Leavell, D. D., came and began preaching and for two weeks he preached the old "Apostolic gospel" to the edifying of the church and the convincing of sinners. During that time there were thirty professions and twenty-two additions with several from the Free Will and M. E's. Total additions during the meeting were 61 the church was greatly revived and built up in Apostolic faith and doctrine. Pray for us that God may prosper our cause.

W. T. JONES,
Pastor.

Revival Meetings

It was the writers privilege to conduct two gospel revival meetings for the New Year.

One at Poplar Bluff, Mo. the other at Cape Girardeau, Mo., which resulted in one hundred and sixteen conversions. The ministers of these towns were so awakened and enthused in the work until they have not ceased in lifting up Jesus. The meetings are still in progress. At Poplar Bluff where the fight is still on they have up to date 88 souls who have been saved from their sin. These conversions have adopted the house to house visitation plan. In this Poplar Bluff is being brought to Christ. The readers will be surprised to know that this meeting was conducted and is being continued under the auspices of the A. M. E. church, with Rev. C. N. Douglass as pastor, one of the noblest men in that connection. The meeting at Cape Girardeau is still in progress with 28 conversions under the auspices of the second Baptist church with Rev. J. H. Henderson as pastor. They are still in the fight and say that it shall not stop here. This church is one of the leading churches in Southeastern Missouri. The congregation is made up of an intelligent set of hearers, who sit with attentive ears and watchful eyes, to catch every word of God as it proceeds forth out of our mouth. They have an up to date Sunday School with a fine corps of teachers, who seem to be deeply interested in the Sunday-school work. Over half of this Sunday School was converted. At Poplar Bluff the entire Sunday School was converted. The people say they will not stop until their Sunday School and every family in town shall taste with them and see if the Lord is good. This church has a set of strong Christian workers, both men and women who are filled with the Holy Ghost. Their appreciation for our services were shown by the way the gave, their presence in each meeting and their cooperation in each service and the bringing in of their sinners friends to hear the gospel. The interest and enthusiasm of these meetings were so great until sinners would send for us in their homes and before leaving would be happily converted. The ages of these conversions ran from 10 to 90 years. The pastors and their wives were great helpers in bringing sinners to Jesus. The Baptists of the Cape have a great mission field, and they have their eyes upon it, and we think with the Sunday School workers and the Bible Band which meets each Sabbath at 6 o'clock p. m., and the working forces of the church they will take the field for Christ. We regret very much that the pressing demand prevents us from giving more of our time in the above named fields. These churches paid us \$55.00 for our services and gave us \$25 worth of presents.

S. W. BEASLEY.

M. & F. College Notes, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Miss S. W. McCall, of Montgomery, Ala., arrived Tuesday night February 2nd and will teach in the Preparatory Department and act as assistant Matron. Miss McCall is the second member of our faculty from the A. & M. College, Normal, Ala., and comes to us highly recommended by the President of A. & M. College. She has had several years experience as a teacher, matron and secretary and we feel that she is another valuable addition to our faculty. She is the seventh member of our faculty and according to an established custom of our College, we had a special programme arranged welcoming Miss McCall with all the oratory and speech making it was in our power to extend.

After a brief remarks by President P. T. Fraser introducing Miss McCall the following programme was rendered, interspersed with sweet music:
On Behalf of the Trustees—Rev. R. Williams, D. D., Chairman,
On Behalf of the Board of Education—R. v. James L. Allensworth.
On Behalf of the Faculty—Dr. J. C. Lytle, Resident Physician.
On Behalf of the Students—Mr. G. L. Henderson, Third Year Preparatory.
On Behalf of the Churches—Revs. P. C. C. and P. D. Gordon.
Miss McCall, while she does not claim to be a speaker yet she responded to all that was said in a manner that pleased all present, which brought forth the College Yell from the students with a vim.

To say that the M. & F. College is progressing rapidly, is only mildly expressing a fact that is talked of daily,

that has surpassed the expectation of the founders of our school, whose faith had begun to wane until the arrival of President Fraser a few years ago and by his faith in the Lord and courage to succeed, our college is coming to the front, second to none in the state for real worth.

Our building is crowded with boarders, from some of the best best families in the state. We are very much in need of a new building and our daily prayer is, that some liberal friend or friends will come to our rescue.

The grand concert and entertainment given last Friday night by the Third and Fourth year Preparatory grades, were well attended by friends, and a neat little sum was realized for the library.

The programme was excellently rendered and reflects credit upon Miss Isora R. Garret, B. S., our secretary and teacher who had charge of the exercises. The following programme was rendered:—

Prayer—Rev. R. Williams, D. D.
Vocal Solo—Lydia L. George
Oration—The Negro as a Slave, Soldier and Educator, John H. Mitcheson.
Instrumental Solo—Johnella M. Fraser.

Oration—The Power and Work of Noble Women—Lou Anna Lauderdale.
Instrumental Solo—Miss Bertha L. Johnson.
Oration—The Value of Thought—W. H. Baker.

Tableau—Rock of Ages—Selected
Oration—Great Leaders—G. L. Henderson.

Pantomime and Tableau—Home Sweet Home—Selected.
Vocal Solo—Asleep in the Deep—W. H. Baker.

Remarks—Pres. P. T. Fraser.

Edrollment this week:—

Boarding hall, Miss Barbara E. Samuels and Mr. Lewis W. Gee.
Visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson, Berea, Ky., M. Ouis Steward Churchhill, Ky., Mr. Walter Robinson and sister Sarah, Ky.

Our annual revival begun Sunday February 21st and is being conducted by Rev. P. H. Kennedy, D. D., Superintendent of Missions, Henderson, Ky. The meeting is being conducted as in former years and no time will be taken from the regular schedule of the school.

The next grand concert and entertainment will be given by the second year preparatory the first Friday night in March Prof. C. W. Mason, A. B. will be in charge of the programme. A great programme is expected, as the second year has some fine talent, many of whom are common school teachers.

Miss Mossie Henderson is on the sick list. We hope she will be in her class soon.

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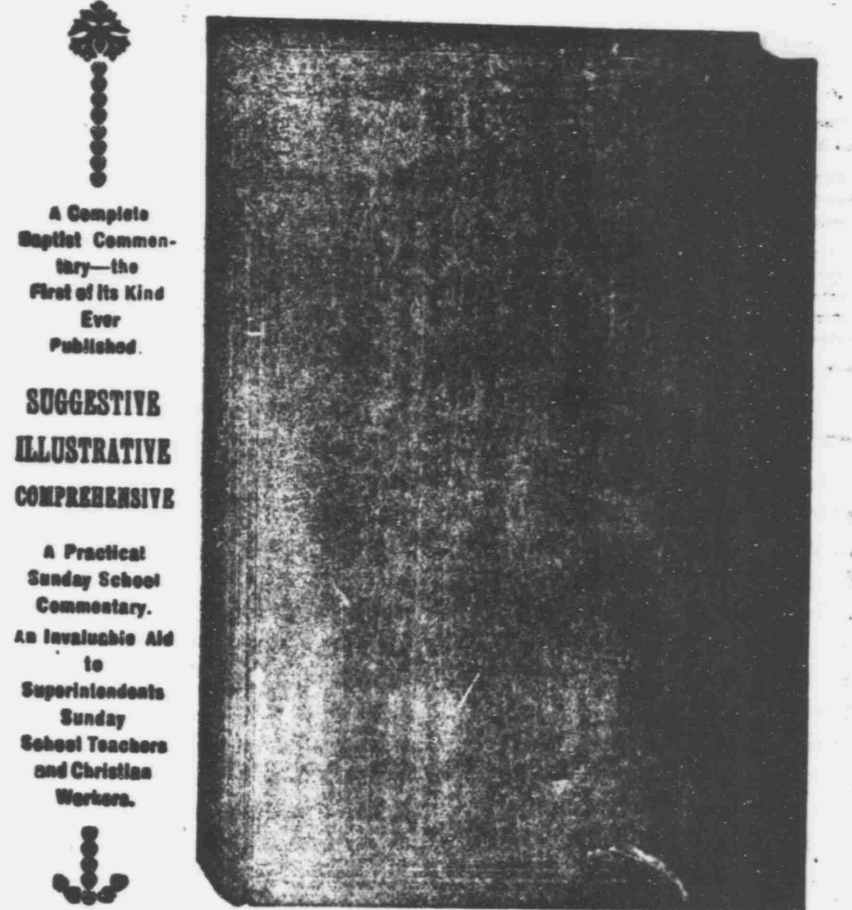
NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

This notice will inform the brethren when and where I will hold Institutes.
Frankfort, Bethel Feb. 24-26
Richmond, Corinthian March 2-5
Midway, Pilgrim March 29-31
Mayville, Plymouth April 18-14
London, April 27-29
Mt. Sterling, Evergreen May 11-18
Campbellsville, May 25-27
Berea, June 8-10
Pastors, ministers and all christian workers in these vicinities are urged to attend and help in the great work, the impulse and importance of which have not been fully realized. Bring your Bible with you.

Yours in the work,
R. B. BUTLER
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A Pastor Stormed.

I was caught in a great storm, but thank God I escaped without being injured. I have been pastor of the Pleasant View Baptist church Smith Grove, Ky. for seven years and due there once a month, every third Sunday. I can say with no hesitation this is one of the best little churches in the state. Last third Saturday evening being ailing I got Rev. G. W. Mack to go instead of myself. On Sunday morning I received a telephone message from him stating the members desired me to come on the next train without fail, though not able to preach I went to see what they wanted. On my arrival I went to my stopping place, sister Mollie Strange's, and there I found that a storm had struck the dining room and had laden the table with everything a family could need. More than a half dozen 24 pound sacks of flour; shoulders; hams; sugar; coffee; meal; chickens and all kind of canned goods; soap; socks; silk handkerchiefs; scarfs; baking powders and money and really it was one of the largest storms I ever witnessed. I know it would take up too much space in your paper to give the names of the persons that contributed may God bless the members and friends of Smith's Grove and Oakland and every where that were engaged in this storm and send them back again soon. They always are welcome guests.

I have also been pastoring here in Franklin, Ky. for twenty-two years and as the brethren have not heard any thing of us through the paper I thought I would say a few words to let them know that we are still in the battlefield and on the wings of progress. Our church is getting along nicely spiritually and financially. Sunday February 7th 1904 Rev. G. W. Mack preached a soul stirring sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. to the delight of all that heard him. Collection during the day \$62.50.

Yours for the Work,
T. H. MACK.
Franklin, Ky.

To the Superintendents of Children's Bands, Auxiliary to the B. W. E. C.

Dear Sisters: I again appeal to you in the interest of the Children's Band. We came from our last Convention very much encouraged over our financial success but we must continue to work to accomplish our undertaking. This work should not be confined to a few, but to the many Baptists of the State of Kentucky. The women are making a double effort; we children went to do likewise. Plan some way that you can

get the children interested in the work have the bands meet regularly.

We are not only after the amount the children send us for our work, but we want them trained to do religious work—that of giving without receiving—as our blessed Master has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." By the assistance of the Lord we hope to do more this year than we have in any previous year. May peace and prosperity remain with each and every one of you is the prayer of your humble servant.

I will visit the following Sunday School on the dates mentioned.
February 25 Antioch
March 6 Good Shepherd
" 13 Centennial
" 20 Emmanuel
" 27 Ninth Street
April 3 Zion
" 10 Bland Street
" 17 Little Flock
" 24 Lampton Street
May 1 Green Street
" 8 Cabell Street
" 15 Beargrass
" 22 Green Castle
" 29 Anshorage and Pewee
June 5 Jeffersontown
" 12 Newburg

MOLLIE WILLIAMS,
State Secretary of Children's Band,
3501 Sixth St., Louisville, Ky.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

We hope to hold Institute beginning January 1904 as follows:—

Henderson, Norris Chapel, January 6-8.
Paducah, First Ward, January 20-22
Bowling Green, New Bethel, February 17-19.
Elizabethtown, March 9-11.
Mayfield March 23-25
Earlington April 6-8
Louisville April 20-22

We hope that the pastors and brethren in the above named cities will get together and arrange as to make the meeting a success. As can be done, and if they decide that it must be done, it will be done. The programme, as arranged is first class and the people could have the benefit of each lecture. This programme is being used all over the state among the Baptist white and black. The Lord bless the work.

I am Yours in Service,
P. H. KENNEDY,
Henderson, Ky. Gen'l Missionary.

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